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***** NO BULLETIN *** *** SPECIAL NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR (by KB8NW) *****
"YOU ARE CRAZY!", Linda said as I told her I was writing this (minutes before leaving). Yep, I know I am crazy, but I feel obligated to send these last minute announcements before leaving to head south. So there will be "NO BULLETIN" for August 25th (I promise). Like I mentioned last week, Linda and I will be heading south, first to Tennessee to drop-off/move my daughter at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and then off to Biloxi, Mississippi. I really need his break to rest up, and I hope that lying in the sun on the beach will help bring back some of my strength. However, PLEASE continue to send your DX info to me.....
TNXS and GUD DX de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Friday, 8th/August, through Friday, 15th/August there were 214 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E3, E4, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V4, V5, V6, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

E4, PALESTINE (Good News/Bad News). Achim, DF3EC, who was in Ramallah and was active for a few days over the past week, is apparently back in Germany. However, "The Daily

DX" reported Wednesday that the Israeli security personnel confiscated his transceiver before he left. If you were lucky to work him, QSL via DF3EC direct or bureau.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Look for Gherardo, IZ1DSH, to be active **now through August 19th** as **HB0/IZ1DSH**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters SSB. QSL via the bureau or direct to IZ1DSH.

HS, THAILAND. Champ, E21EIC, informs OPDX that there will be plenty of HS-Hams active in the SEANET Contest. Stations expected to be active are:

- **HS4BPQ/9** ALL BAND CW
- **HS0XNO** 40M CW
- **E20HHK/P** 20M MIX (AS-101)
- **HS0EHF** 20M CW
- **HS1JNB** 20M SSB
- **E21EIC** 15M MIX (CW,SSB,RTTY,PSK,SSTV)
- **HS0GBI** 15M CW
- **HS5AYO** 15M SSB
- **HS1PDY** ALL DIGI
- **HS8KGG/SWL** SWL
- **HS0ZBS** ?
- **HS0ZDX** ?
- **HS0ZDZ** ?
- **HS0/OZ1HET** ?
- **E21CJN** ? BIG GUN!

IOTA NEWS.....

- **NA-082.** MDXA member Terry Jones, W8JE, along with Mississippi Gulf Coast amateur radio operators Karolina Sarnowska, KD5SDQ and Chris Sarnowski, KB5TBB will activate **Ship Island** (USI MS-005S, Harrison county), Mississippi, **August 16th**, weather permitting. Operations are planned to begin approximately 1530z and end approximately 2100z. Activity will be on 40-6 meters, SSB, as conditions permit. Callsign for the station will be **W8JE**. QSL via W8JE or the operator's home call, via QRZ.com SASE required for response.
- **OC-NEW.** Operators V73T and V73B on Kwajalein are expected to activate a new IOTA as **V73T** from **Taongi**, Monday, **August 18th**. The boat ride there is over 36 hours.
- **SA-086.** The Atacama Desert DX group (Operators XQ1IDM, XQ4ZW, CE1URH, CE1RQB, CE1VBH, CE1FLS, CA2WUI, CD0906 and CE6TBN) will be on the air as **3G2D** from **Damas Island** (DICE ICE-201), **October 17th, 18th and 19th**. Activity be on 160-6 meters on CW, SSB and RTTY/PSK. They will have 3 stations running 24 hours daily like their 3G1P DXpedition. There will be plenty of CW. QSL Manager is XQ1IDM.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY (ILLW is this weekend!).....

- A full list of stations who will be participating in this weekend's ILLW can be found at: http://lighthouses.net.au/illw/2003_list.htm A special event station signing **CQ0RLH** will be active **August 17th**, from **Roca Lighthouse** to join ARLHS ILLW. Reference

numbers: ARLHS POR-007 and DFP FES-001. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/10 meters SSB. QSL via CT2GZB.

- The Metro Amateur Radio Club of Chicago will host a special event on Sunday, **August 17th** at the historic **Grosse Point** (Lake Michigan) Lighthouse (ARLHS reference USA-359) in Evanston, Illinois. They will be operating from 1700-2100z using the callsign K9Y. The suggested frequencies are (+/-):
 - **CW** - 7125, 14125, 21125 and 28150 kHz
 - **SSB** - 7175, 14250, 21350 and 28400 MHzQSL via N9NT (QRZ.com).
- Area hams from Eastern Massachusetts working in cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and National Park Service (NPS) are happy to announce the **FIRST EVER** Amateur Radio operation from **Boston Light** on **Little Brewster Island** as **N1L**. Boston Light (USA # 073) was the first lighthouse in America. It is currently the **ONLY** lighthouse still manned by the USCG. This operation will take place during this year's **2003 International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend** (ILLW) from 0000z, **August 16th** to 2200z, **August 17th**. Operation will be on all ILLW listed frequencies which can be found at: <http://lighthouses.net.au/illw/2003.htm>. N1L (NUMBER ONE LIGHTHOUSE) will also operate on IRLP Node # 4320 and Echolink Node NS1N-R to make this special operation available to as many people as possible. This is also the first activation of USA Island # MA-035-S (Little Brewster Island). A color photo QSL will be via the bureau for DX stations, and the QSL manager is KB1HJO. Send a SASE to CBA for direct QSL. For interesting reading about Boston Light, please check out the Web page at: <http://www.lighthouse.cc/boston/index.html>
- **CORRECTION BY Mike, N8MR:** From Eagle Harbor, Michigan. Look for the **Eagle Harbor Lighthouse** (USA-253) to be activated in the ILLW, **August 16-17th** (not 15-16th), using the special 1x1 callsign, **K8E**. Modes of operation include HF/VHF, CW/SSB, FM Satellite and possible HF digital. Collectors of ARLHS numbers can get credit for three upon request: Eagle Harbor Lighthouse USA-253, Front Range Light USA-254 and Rear Range Light USA-255. QSL via bureau or direct to N8MR with #10 SASE. Web page is: <http://www.kc8nah.com/Interests/illw03.htm>
- Look for Chris, DL9CHR, to be active as **9A/DL9CHR/p** from **Savudrija Lighthouse** (CLHA reference CLH-073 for the Croatian lighthouse award, ARLHS reference CRO-134) located on **Cape Savudrija** (WW Loc. JN65rl), **August 16-17th**. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.
- Look for special event station **CS5E** to be active in ILLW, **August 16-17th**, from **Ilha do Bugio** (IOTA EU-040 and DIP ES-004) and **Bugio Lighthouse** (WLA LH-0647, ARLHS POR-005). Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters SSB. QSL via CT1CSY.
- Members of the Salento DX Team (IK7JWX, I7PXV, IK7JWY, IK6CAC and IK7JPJ) will be active **August 16-17th** from **Torre San Giovanni-Ugento (LE) Lighthouse** (Wail PU-003, ARLHS ITA-171). They will be signing **homecall/p**. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via their home callsign, direct or bureau.
- Look for the special callsign, **LT7W**, to be used by "Grupo Titan" during the **International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend** from **Punta Delgada Lighthouse** (ARG-015), **Peninsula Valdes, Patagonia**. Details can be found at: <http://www.LT7W.tk>
- Operators Simone/DJ2KS, Michael/DJ5KP and Christian/DL6KAC are currently on a Baltic Sea cruise **until August 22nd**. Their callsign (once in Denmark) will be **OZ0AIS/mm**. Their final destination will be an island which is part of **EU-172** including the corresponding lighthouse. Name and exact location will be announced later due to the

fact that bad weather might force them to change their plans. Activity will take place during the ILLW. Outside of the ILLW, they will use the callsign OZ0AIS/mm. 40m only, using a dipole. An APRS position report (starting August 10th/11th) can be found at: <http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/winlink.cgi?oz0ais> QSL only via DL6KAC either direct or via the German Bureau. OZ0AIS is not member of the Danish Bureau. Make sure "via DL6KAC" is written on the card. Direct QSLs without postage will be returned via the bureau. The Lighthouse-QSLs will be printed after their return.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Carlos Nora, CT1END, reports that the log is now online for the recent activity of **CS4B** (EU-040 Bugio Island). Also, photos of the CS4B and CS5C (EU-145 Culatra Isl.) operations can be found on the Web pages at:
 - <http://ct1end.netpower.pt/cs4b/>
 - http://ct1end.netpower.pt/eu145_culatra_2003/
 - <http://www.portal-dx.web.pt>

S61, SINGAPORE. Peter, 9V1PC, reports that the Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (SARTS) will be holding field day operations from **St. John's Island** off the southern coast of Singapore from the afternoon of Friday, **September 5th**, to midday Monday, **September 8th**. Two stations will be active on 160-10 meters with the special prefix **S61FD**. The S61FD team will have two experienced 160/80m operators: Bob Marshall-Read/G4VGO and Peter Cook/9V1PC. This team will focus on low band operations using an inverted L for transmit and a variety of loops, pennants and possibly beverages for low noise receive. They expect that 1 kW transmit power should be available. St. John's Island is in Region 3, IOTA **AS-019**, CQ Zone 28 and ITU Zone 54. QSL cards should be sent to: Incoming QSL Manager, SARTS, Robinson Road P.O. Box 2728, Singapore 904728.

SPECIAL EVENT. Glyn, GW0ANA, reports: "Many Amateur Radio operators may be aware of the significance of **"Flatholm Island"** located in the Bristol Channel in the UK. The island has a very historic link in connection with our hobby as it was used by Marconi when he demonstrated to the British Post Office that his theory that radio waves would travel across water. He made the link via radio from Lavernock Point in south Wales to the island on Thursday, May 13th 1897. To pay homage to Marconi, the Barry Amateur Radio Society (South Wales) erected a monument on the island and each year make an annual visit to operate a special event station using the callsign **"GB5FI"** (Flatholm Island). This year's visit will take place between Friday, **August 22nd** and Wednesday, **August 27th**." The society will activate this very rare WAB square ST26 and operate mainly on the amateur HF bands to follow in the footsteps of the historic event. This year they also plan to operate via satellite using AO-40 and also Oscar 14 (subject to access in the short pass time). Their priority will be mainly SSB operation, but they may operate on the digital or SSTV modes. This is a very rare opportunity to add to your QSL card collection a "MARCONI EXperiment" location, Flatholm Island, via satellite! Lighthouse ref. number: 0007. QSL via GW0ANA direct CBA or via the Bureau is no problem.

T8, PALAU. Haruki, JH9URT, will be active from here as **T88HO** and this will be his first DXpedition. Activity will be between **August 22-26th** and on SSB only on all HF band and 6 meters. QSL direct to his home address below or JARL bureau. His direct address is: Haruki Ohtsubo, 1377-1 Futatsuka, Takaoka, 933-0816 JAPAN.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. Andy Chadwick, G3AB, informs OPDX that he will be active from Christmas Island as **VK9XAB** from **August 30th to September 6th**. Activity will be mainly CW. This is a low key DXpedition with 100w and wire antennas. QSL via G3AB.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS. Dennis, K7BV/1, will be operating **September 9-16th** from the Turks & Caicos "HAM-LET" rental QTH. Six meters will be the primary focus (including meteor scatter) with active participation in the **ARRL VHF Contest, September 13-14th**. There will be HF operating when the 6 meter band is closed (primarily on RTTY and CW). QSL via KU9C. Website info for VP5/K7BV is: <http://www.qth.com/k7bv/TURKS/>

YI, IRAQ. Ghis, ON5NT, informs OPDX that he will be flying into Baghdad on Wednesday, **August 13th**. He will be there for about **3 weeks**. His callsign will be **YI/ON5NT** (he has had his license since May and is already accepted by the ARRL). Ghis states to not expect big signals from YI. He is running an IC706MKIlg into wire antennas. Also, look for him on 6 meters. QSL via his homecall. Ghis also mentions that Robert, S53R, has finished his holiday time and will be active as YI/S53R (QSL via K2PF). He will be on the same flight into Baghdad with Ghis. Robert should be there for a couple of months. **ADDED NOTES FROM ON5NT:** Ghis also provided OPDX with his itenary after YI. He will head back to Belgium for 2 weeks, his daughter is getting married. Then back to U.A.E (A6). He might take another 2 weeks break somewhere at the end of October, early November. Then back to A6, returning home on December 10th (this is his birthday). During the time he is back in A6 (most likely Oct/Nov), Ghis will try to activate AS-021 (this will be a new one for most of the IOTA gang, since "Abu Dhabi" was deleted) and AS-124. The only direct address to use is: Ghis Penny, P.O.Box 93, BE-9700 Oudenaarde. He adds that his YI cards, and also the 5B4/ON5NT cards (for his April 2003 operation) will be printed and answered on his return to Belgium in December. During his absence, Ghis's XYL (he states, "She became an expert in QSLing, first step to get her into ham radio and a license, hi...") answers the incoming direct cards for the stations he manages. They are also still cleaning up the bureau cards for 5X1T (ON6TT) and EL2WW (ON4WW). Since both are members of the UBA, there's no problem with cards via the bureau (only, due to the amount of cards it takes a while). Ghis made 5U7JB also a member of the UBA, so cards are also accepted via the bureau.

ZC4, UK SOVEREIGN BASE CYPRUS. Geoff, **ZC4CW**, will be active from the **Eastern Sovereign Base**, Cyprus, for the **next few years**. QSL via G3AB.

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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